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Ecuador Asks U.S. to Head Off Latin Arms Race

By the Associated Press

Ecuador wants the United States—a supplier of military equipment—to "exhaust every effort" to halt what it calls a threatening arms race in Latin America.

The appeal yesterday from Ecuador's Foreign Minister Jorge S. Lara followed confirmation by U.S. oficials that this country is selling 55 M-41 tanks to Brazil, 20 of which have been delivered.

Last week Chile announced it is going to purchase 21 British-made jet planes. Linked to this was U.S. sale of 25 A4B jet fighter-bombers to Argentina.

Lara said news of recent arms negotiations "raises fears of the unleashing in our continent of an armament race."